

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 588
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ellen Laura Ramsden,
2003 Salutatorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Laura Ramsden is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ramsden has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ellen Ramsden has earned an exemplary 3.99 grade point average, has been named a National Merit Scholar, and has been honored with awards in Geometry, Chemistry, Trigonometry, and Driver Training; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramsden is an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman; she has served as President and Treasurer of the Interact Club, as the Youth Lay Leader at

Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church, as a Member of the Student Council, and as the Co-Captain of the soccer team; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and community-minded citizen, Ellen Ramsden has contributed her time and many talents to the 5th Annual Mountain Festival, the Alzheimer's Walk, the Fourth of July Midnight Parade, the Festival of Trees, and the Highland Games; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramsden's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, particularly as she enters Dickinson College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Ramsden's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ann and Jack Ramsden, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramsden's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Salutatorian, Ellen Laura Ramsden, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.